LOVELAND BAY PROVINCIAL PARK

PURPOSE STATEMENT AND ZONING PLAN

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Primary Role

The **primary** role of Loveland Bay Park is to provide a lakeside camping, boating and fishing opportunity in a forested setting on Vancouver Island. Loveland Bay is located about 15 kilometres north of Campbell River on Lower Campbell Lake. The 31-unit campsite offers many lakefront sites and two group sites. A boat launch and 20 metre floating wharf provide access to the lake. Loveland Bay Park complements other recreation opportunities in the Campbell River destination area provided by Elk Falls Provincial Park, Morton Lake Provincial Park, McIvor Lake Regional Park, Snowden Demonstration Forest and the Sayward Forest Canoe Route.

Secondary Role

The **secondary** role is to protect the natural environment in which people come to recreate. Due to its small size, it has an insignificant contribution to the representation of the Nanaimo Lowlands Ecosection (NAL) which is under-represented within the protected areas system at 1.41%. It also has a minimal contribution to the protection of the Coastal Western Hemlock (CWH) xm1 and xm2 biogeoclimatic variants, which have only 2.07% and 4.13% respectively protected in the province. Both variants and NAL are primarily located on the east side of Vancouver Island and have been highly modified.

Management Issues

Known Management Issue	Response
Lack of knowledge of cultural values	➢ Undertake cultural inventory.
Maintenance of access into park	➢ Work with Forest Service to add recently abandoned forest service road to park.
Lack of control of watercraft and lack of safe swimming area	➢ Pursue acquisition of foreshore in order to control water craft operating from park and provide safe swimming area.
Insufficient parking for boat trailers	➢ Investigate opportunities to provide additional parking for boat trailers.

Zoning

Intensive Recreation Zone - covers the entire park (30 ha) and reflects the primary purpose of the park and facilities to support the destination use of the park. The objective of this zone is to provide for a variety of readily accessible, facility-oriented outdoor recreation opportunities.

Conservation

Representation - ecosection	☐	Insignificant contribution to the overall representation of the Nanaimo Lowlands Ecosection (0.45%). This ecosection is under-represented in the protected areas system (1.4%). Insignificant contribution to the well-represented Leeward Island Mountains Ecosection.
- biogeoclimatic subzone/variant	☒	Contributes minimally to the representation of CWHxm1 (0.24%) and CWHxm2 (0.03%), both of which are under-represented in the protected areas system
Special Feature	☒	Riparian, near shore fish habitat
Rare/Endangered Values	☐	None known at this time
Scientific/Research Opportunities	☐	None known at this time

Recreation

Representation		
backcountry	☐	Not Applicable
destination	☐	Not Applicable
travel corridor	☐	Not Applicable
local recreation	☒	Regional destination for camping and fishing
Special Opportunities	☐	None known at this time
Education/Interpretation Opportunities	☐	None known at this time

Cultural Heritage

Representation	☒	Logging railway
Special Feature	☐	Not Applicable

Other Management Considerations

Other Designations	☐	Not Applicable
Relationship to other PAs	☒	Part of system of protected areas in the Campbell River destination area of Vancouver Island
Co-operative Management Arrangements	☐	Not Applicable
Partnerships	☐	Not Applicable
Vulnerability	☒	Small size limits ability to protect ecosection and biogeoclimatic variant

Relationship to other Strategies ☐ Not Applicable

Area: 30 hectares

Date of establishment: November 21, 1966

Zoning Map - Loveland Bay Provincial Park

Projection: Albers Equal Areas
Datum: NAD83

Intensive Recreation
Protected Area Boundary

0 100
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